

REMARKS

Claims 1-22, 24-30, 32-38 and 40-68 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33, 37, 41, 45, 49, 53, 57, 61 and 65 being independent.

The specification and many of the claims have been amended to address a translation issue. In particular, the amendments have replaced the term "capacitor storage" with the more commonly used "storage capacitor." Claims 1 and 5 have been amended further. No new matter has been added.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 9-22, 24-30, 32-38 and 40-68, and the Examiner's indication that claims 3 and 7 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 1 and 5 have been rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,490,014 to Ohtani. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Ohtani does not describe or suggest forming a capacitance wiring line and a pixel electrode on a same interlayer insulating film, as recited in the amendments to each of claims 1 and 5. In Ohtani, the pixel electrode 25 and the capacitance wiring line 23, which the Examiner has equated to the claim elements of the same name, are not formed on the same interlayer insulating film 17.

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 8 have been rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,495,886 to Yamazaki, and claims 1 and 5 have been rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,323,918 to Yoshioka. Like Ohtani, Yamazaki and Yoshioka also fail to describe or suggest forming a capacitance wiring line and a pixel electrode on a same interlayer insulating film, as recited in the amendments to each of claims 1 and 5. Accordingly, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections for the reasons discussed above.

Claims 2 and 6 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Yoshioka in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,121,652 to Suzawa, and claims 4 and 8 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Yoshioka in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,747,830 to Okita. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because neither Suzawa nor Okita remedies the failure of Yoshioka to describe or suggest the subject matter of claims 1 and 5.

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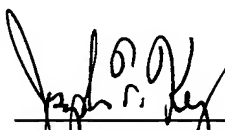
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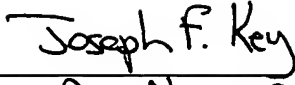
Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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